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## TODAY

### Calendar

#### 'I shot him in the stomach'

The Paramount Theatre shows "Badlands" as part of Iron & Wine's movie night. Show starts at 8 p.m. and tickets cost \$10.

#### 'Love me, love me'

The Alamo Drafthouse Cinema at the Ritz hosts the preliminaries of Austin's annual Air Sex competition. The contest starts at 9:30 p.m. and tickets cost \$7.

### Campus watch

#### Weak in the knees

**400 Block of MLK Boulevard**  
A non-UT subject was observed staggering between his navigational beacons while utilizing well-placed trees, poles and the occasional wall to maintain his upright posture. The subject informed the officers that he was lost and unsure how to get home. During the investigation, the officer detected a very strong odor of alcohol on the subject's breath. The subject was taken into custody for public intoxication and was transported to Central Booking. Occurred Sunday at 2:23 a.m.

### Today in history

#### In 1914

Austria-Hungary declares war on Serbia after Serbia rejects the conditions of an ultimatum sent by Austria on July 23 following the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, opening the European theater of World War I.

## ON THE WEB

#### 'Daily Headlines'

TSTV highlights Daily Texan stories, including a conversation about West Campus security with reporter Michelle Truong.

#### Digital media

UT researchers receive \$1.5 million in grants to study advanced digital media in Portugal.

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### Quote to note

"All of us want to go faster."

— **Red McCombs**  
Business school namesake

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# Red McCombs chief racetrack investor

By Ashley Meleen  
Daily Texan Staff

Formula One officially has a home in southeast Austin after Tuesday's release of details regarding the new United States Grand Prix track location and the project's primary investor, Red McCombs.

The track will be located on a 900-acre site along the Texas State Highway 130 corridor, just north of FM 812. The parcel of land is near Austin-Bergstrom International Airport and is approximately 13 miles from the UT campus.

Tavo Hellmund, managing

partner of Full Throttle Productions LP, held a press conference at the AT&T Executive Education and Conference Center announcing the site and the project's partners.

McCombs, a native Texan, is

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Tamir Kalifa | Daily Texan Staff

Formula One promoter Tavo Hellmund fields questions after a press conference announcing the project's partners at the AT&T Executive Education and Conference Center on Tuesday.

# Bask bare under a blazing sun



Michael Baldon | Daily Texan Staff

Tatjana Long relaxes and blows bubbles on the edge of the water while her friends swim in Lake Travis at Hippie Hollow on Saturday afternoon. This was Long's first time at the Travis County park and she said that once she moves to Austin, she will return to the area.

*Editor's note: This is the fourth in a weekly series highlighting swimming holes around Austin.*

By Aaron West  
Daily Texan Staff

About \$4 in gas, a \$12 entrance fee and a 30-minute drive that offers a spectacular view of some incredible lakeside houses are all it takes to get to Hippie Hollow, a 109-acre public park tucked away on the eastern shores of Lake Travis. You don't even need a swimsuit.

Hippie Hollow, formerly known as McGregor County Park, is the only official clothing-optional park in Texas. It is situated on steep limestone slopes and of-

fers swimming, hiking and lots of warm rocks to lounge on.

"It's great for getting some good sun," park visitor Ken Elliot said. "It's a good chance to get naked and get sun. Isn't this one of the only places in Texas that you can do that? It's just one of those things that makes Austin special."

Visitors descend into the park via stone steps that lead away from the parking lot. Once out of the lot, which features signs warning the modest and the unaware of imminent nudity, it's clothes off for those who want to hang out while they hang out. There are little alcoves to strip

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**LOCATION:** 7000 Comanche Trail

**DIRECTIONS:** From MoPac Boulevard, the Capital of Texas Highway or Interstate Highway 35, take FM 2222 West to Highway 620. Turn left on 620 and continue for 1.3 miles. Turn right at the first traffic light onto Comanche Trail and drive for two miles. The park entrance will be on your left.

**APPROXIMATE DISTANCE:** 18.2 miles

**HOURS:** 9 a.m. to twilight

**COST:** Day permit: \$12 per vehicle  
Pedestrian/bicyclist: \$5

**SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:** Hippie Hollow is an 18+ park

# Court battle re-examines admittance policy of UT

By Collin Eaton  
Daily Texan Staff

The U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals will hear oral arguments on Aug. 3 for Fisher v. Texas, a case that challenges the state's top 10 percent rule.

Abigail Fisher and Rachel Michalewicz, two former applicants to the University, filed suit in 2008 after they were denied admission because they were not in the top 10 percent of their high schools. The Texas law, passed in 1997, mandates that state universities automatically admit the top 10 percent of students in any Texas high school.

Patricia Ohlendorf, UT's vice president of legal affairs, said Tuesday the plaintiffs realize that for the law to be changed, the case would need to go to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"[If the case goes before the Supreme Court], my speculation would be that [the court] would have a much more conservative view on [the use of race in admission policy] and restrict the use of it," she said. "There could be some policy changes, but we'll have to wait and see what they say if the case goes to the court."

Edward Blum, founder of the Project on Fair Representation, the organization that according to The Texas Tribune is paying the attorneys for Fisher and Michalewicz, said the top 10 percent rule re-introduces race considerations into admission policy after it was banned in the 1996 case Hopwood v. Texas.

In 1992, Cheryl Hopwood sued the University, claiming that the

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# West Campus falls short on security

By Michelle Truong  
Daily Texan Staff

While several West Campus complexes boast amenities such as pools, spas and fitness centers, building security seems to have fallen short on the high-priority list. The home invasion that occurred July 12 at Jefferson 26 and other recent reported burglaries in West Campus have some student residents questioning the current state of security in the densely populated area.

Popular choices among UT students include major corporate apartments in West Campus — such as Jefferson 26, The Quarters and The Block — that have exterior gates, garage gates and secured access to community amenities, but security remains lenient, said Patrick Courtney, vice president of operations at West Campus Living.

"From experience, security doesn't typically seem like a high priority for the staff given how long it would sometimes take to process repairs," Courtney said.

Courtney lived at Jefferson 26



Nasha Lee | Daily Texan Staff

Jefferson 26 is one of several West Campus apartment complexes that have lax security systems.

the first year it was built while attending UT and said gates were often open or nonoperational, allowing access to virtually all 360 apartment units there. He also cites security breaches in the PIN code system, which are often left unchanged for months or an entire lease term and become widely circulated

to allow entrance.

It was recently observed that several of these large complexes have multiple access points into the building that were left visibly unsecured. A passer-by could easily enter apartments such as The Block on 23rd, The

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# UT vice president details ins, outs of top 10 percent rule

By Collin Eaton  
Daily Texan Staff

UT's vice president of legal affairs spoke Tuesday about the University's top 10 percent rule, an admissions policy that states the University must admit the top 10 percent of students from each Texas high school, which is being challenged in an upcoming court case.

**The Daily Texan: What is the University's position on the top 10 percent rule?**

**Patricia Ohlendorf:** If you read [U.S. Supreme Court] Justice [Sandra Day] O'Connor's opinion in Grutter v. Bollinger, which is the controlling opin-

ion, it's clear that [an admission] system that uses race as one factor in the whole list of review probably can't last forever, that at least needs to be reviewed periodically. ... Justice O'Connor said that

percentage plans are not adequate because they are based upon one criterion for purposes of admission, and that you can miss out on some of the aspects that

you want in some of your students because they don't meet that one criterion.

We use the top 10 percent rule to target very high-quality students. Our position has been one that while [the policy] was

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Metro contract changes



Kiersten Marian | Daily Texan Staff

UT shuttle driver Martin Loura drives along the the Intramural Fields route through North Campus, which includes Guadalupe Street past 51st Street.

Capital Metro voted to decrease the length of its contract with UT from three years to two years, with eight one-year renewal options, in a 5-0 vote at a board meeting Monday. Despite the change in the contract's duration, its structure will remain the same. "UT is still paying us about 50 percent of operating costs," board member Norm Chafetz said. "I just asked to make it a two-year contract to give our

new CEO a chance to revisit it. It's essentially unchanged from previous years." UT students will continue to ride Cap Metro buses for free, though the appearance of the buses that are a part of the UT fleet will change. "[This way], the buses used in the [UT] shuttle fleet won't be more than two years older than any of the rest of our fleet, so we'll have more of a guarantee that newer buses will be used,"

Cap Metro spokesman Adam Shaivitz said. At the meeting, the board also voted to approve the contract for Cap Metro's new CEO, Linda Watson, who will begin her new job in August. Watson was chosen from several candidates in a process that lasted several months. She has more than 25 years of experience working in executive transportation management, Chafetz said. — Shamoyita DasGupta

CAMPUS: Students have responsibility to secure valuables

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Quarters Nueces House and Jefferson 26 through exterior gates propped open by rocks or misaligned gate doors that can't fully be closed. Some complexes have doors designed to be opened by a key card, but a nonfunctional security system allows anyone to walk into buildings. While some West Campus buildings offer little resistance for entering, safety and security starts with the resident, said Cathy Norman, president of University Area Partners, a West Campus neighborhood association.

"My experience both managing and living in student properties is that students are often lax about taking steps to secure their belongings and comply with security policies of their building," Courtney said. Mario Amare, a spokesman for San Miguel Management, which manages The Quarters apartments, encourages students to speak up. "Students should understand their lease contracts and know management contact numbers," Amare said. "We're on call, we walk the building and will help."

Reported burglaries happen not only in easy targets, such as the large corporate apartments, but also in smaller residences, Austin Police Department officer William Harvey said. "West Campus is an entity in and of itself," Harvey said. "There are many young adults living on their own for the first time. Crime occurrences in West Campus can be pretty random and can happen to anyone." APD officer Kelly LaHood said property crimes have increased in Austin, with vehicle and residence burglaries skyrocketing. "Burglaries occur probably 300 times more in West Campus than the rest of Austin," LaHood said. "From what I've seen, apartment complexes all try to help students stay safe, but it's up to the students to lock their doors."

Both officers Harvey and LaHood are central-west area commanders for APD, and said the region can be particularly vulnerable this time of year, when many students are moving in and out of apartments. To improve safety for students, the populated region of West Campus will soon receive updated security features. Austin Public Works Department announced at a University Area Partners meeting Tuesday that the Rio Grande Street Reconstruction Project is scheduled to begin in September. Part of the project will involve replacing and adding street lights to protect pedestrians, project manager Jessica Salinas said.

Mike McHone, vice president of University Area Partners, remains optimistic about security. "Population growth in West Campus has probably improved security," McHone said. "There are more eyes on the street."

TRACK: Formula One to bring \$300 million to city of Austin

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a UT alumnus and the name-sake of the University's business school. He and his investment group, McCombs Partners, are "not new to sporting events," as he stated at the conference. McCombs has previously been the owner of the NBA's San Antonio Spurs and Denver Nuggets as well as the NFL's Minnesota Vikings. McCombs Partners will be joining Full Throttle Productions and Prophet Capital Management as the Formula One project's partners as they bring what Hellmund calls the "most technologically advanced sport on the planet" to Austin. "As excited as we all are about this, we still have many challenges," McCombs said. One of the partners' priority commitments, Hellmund said, is to help economically improve the area. He cited ideal geography, connectivity and infrastructure as factors in making Austin a desirable host for Formula One. According to the Office of the Texas Comptroller, the estimated annual economic impact of the race will amount to approximately \$300 million. This figure is comparable to the annual economic impact of the Austin City Limits Music Festival, South By

Southwest and all UT football home games combined, as reported by Community Impact Newspaper. The date of Austin's first Grand Prix will not be released until fall 2011, when the Formula One Association announces the schedule of races for 2012. Fans can sign up for updates and ticket information through the recently launched website, formula1unitedstates.com. Many details regarding the track itself have yet to be revealed, including a layout that will be released later this summer. German engineering and architecture firm Tilke GmbH is designing the track, which will be the first specifically constructed for the Grand Prix in the U.S. Hellmund plans to utilize the track throughout the year as more than just a Grand Prix location. He hopes to turn it into a "world-class multipurpose facility" that can be used for research and development. "This is a lot more than just a race," Hellmund said. "This puts us on a global stage." McCombs shared his vision of turning the site into a "Speed City," complete with laboratories, testing centers, children's activities and competitions and races not exclusively for cars. "All of us want to go faster," McCombs said.

HOLLOW: Park sees change in price, age restrictions

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down in along the wooded path that connects to the half-mile road separating the shore from the forested hills. Along this road are several bathrooms and access trails leading visitors down the remaining 20 feet or so to the lake. "On a normal weekend day, it's a social thing," Hippie Hollow regular Bill Scales said. "When the water is real low it's kind of a drag, but it's perfect right now. This is what we do for our social life. We come out here every Saturday and Sunday. We know 30 or 40 people that come out right to this area here." Scales, who has been coming to the park since 1989, received his 15 minutes of fame when he was married there in 1993 and an Austin American-Statesman reporter wrote a story about the

naked nuptials. The park has been around since the '60s and has undergone some changes, most notably in 1983, when the land was leased by the Lower Colorado River Authority to Travis County under the provision that it remain clothing-optional, and in 1995, when the county passed an ordinance that restricted park access to people over 18. "They used to bring kids out here," Scales said. "I really didn't like that. I mean, look at this place — the rocks are jagged. It's just dangerous. Children got outlawed in the mid '90s and dogs did, too. They've really cleaned the park up. To me it's more pleasurable. There used to be a lot of broken glass down here." The prices have changed, too. Scales has a year-round pass that cost him \$100 plus a \$2 surcharge each time he comes to the park.

When he first started relaxing at Hippie Hollow, the pass cost \$25 and there wasn't an extra fee. Last year, the price of a pass was \$75. "They say they're not making enough money, so they jack the prices up," Scales complained good-naturedly. "And now, no one can afford to come, so they jack them up again. It's not just this park, though. It's all of them. This park has a \$2 surcharge for reasons unknown. They said it's for added security, but if you look at the actual need for security, Pace Bend far exceeds this place. Also, this is the only park that has to have a ranger in the booth all day long." The park's security consists of rangers who come around once in a while to make sure people aren't drinking alcohol — unless it's in a can and tucked away in a koozie, according to Hippie Hollow's website — or acting lewd.

CASE: Race not a factor in top 10 percent rule

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UT School of Law favored black and Mexican-American applicants over her. Four years later, Hopwood won on appeal after the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court ruled that race considerations in the admission process are unconstitutional, according to online documents in the Tarlton Law Library. The U.S. Supreme Court overturned the Hopwood decision in a 2003 case called Grutter v. Bollinger, in which the court backed the affirmative-action admission policy of the University of Michigan Law School. "As long as the top 10 percent rule is in place, the re-introduction of race-based affirmative action is unfair and unconstitutional," Blum said. "Do we want the color of our skin or our ethnic heritage to be used to favor or disfavor us in the admissions process? Or should we

be judged individually? I believe your individual accomplishments, merits and ambition should be the defining essence of whether you're admitted to a university or college." In a 2009 piece written for the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, Blum said Fisher v. Texas may "finally compel universities to actually implement a variety of race-neutral admission alternatives just as the court specified," and that the top 10 percent law was implemented to curb the sudden decrease in minority enrollment at UT and Texas A&M. During the years after the 1982 U.S. Supreme Court decision in Bakke v. Regents of the University of California to allow race to be a consideration in college admission policy, the UT School of Law's admission rates for blacks hovered between 3.2 and 9.3 percent and the rate for Mexican-

Americans hovered between 9.7 percent and 14.3 percent. The year after the Hopwood decision, the rates dropped to 0.9 percent for blacks and 5.6 percent for Mexican-Americans. With the top 10 percent rule in place, those rates rose steadily to 4 and 8 percent, respectively, in 2004. Lino Graglia, a UT law professor, said the plaintiffs' claim that the top 10 percent rule discriminates in favor of other races over time is untenable. "The whole point of the top 10 percent rule is to avoid explicit race discrimination. Race is never mentioned [in the state law]," Graglia said. "The only reason they switched to the 10 percent rule is to get more blacks and Mexican-Americans. Because there are some schools [in Texas] that are racially separate, if we have a top 10 percent rule, you'll wind up getting [more minority students.]"

RULE: Policy targets 'high-quality students' in Texas

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helpful to us in terms of the diversity, it did not get us to where we were. The drawback to it was that admissions was based on just one criterion. ... I know when [UT President William Powers Jr.] talked about it, he's talked about the person who plays the clarinet who might not be in the top 10 percent but is the best in Texas at clarinet — we might miss that person. DT: Does the top 10 percent rule disregard the fact that the quality of Texas high schools might vary across the state? PO: If you have the admission just on one criterion, you're not looking at the whole person, you're not looking at academics,

leadership. We're saying you need to have at least some portion of the freshman entering class be those students that we've looked at the whole record, not just the top 10 percent. Yes, there are many variances across the state in terms of the type of courses that are taught in certain high schools. So, not everyone in the top 10 percent of School A will be as qualified — or let's say, prepared — if School B has the ability to offer courses and things like that. But, they've still demonstrated that wherever they are, they can perform extremely well, and that brings in many students who are very good and capable. DT: What could the national implications be if the U.S. Su-

preme Court were to rule in favor of Fisher? PO: I do think that right now, since the law of Grutter v. Bollinger is good law and it's the law that is followed by all of the states that don't have prohibitions against using race or ethnicity in their admission policy, it's a law that our higher education thinks is useful. Anyone who is bringing a challenge to that law probably realizes that it can't be changed unless it goes to the Supreme Court. My speculation would be that they would have a much more conservative view on it and restrict the use of race and ethnicity. There could be some policy changes, but we'll have to wait and see what they say if the case goes to the court.

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VIEWPOINT

A bachelor’s in banality

Tarnation. Those durn East Coast elitists are at it again.  
 On Friday, The Associated Press reported that Texas is one of the least highly educated states in the country, with only 27 percent of residents holding bachelor’s degrees. Based on a report issued by the College Board, the organization that administers the SAT, the story goes on to assert that Texas is far below the 41-percent national average. A Huffington Post repost of the story also referenced a Brookings Institute study that identifies McAllen as the “least-educated metropolitan area in America,” since only 15.1 percent of the South Texas town’s residents have bachelor’s degrees.  
 Pardon my French, but what a load of bull.  
 Such articles are nothing more than cheap taunts whose only purpose is to perpetuate the stereotype that Texans are ignorant, not an honest assessment of the state of education in the country and this state.  
 Both the AP story and the Brookings Institute study are based on a crucial misconception that a bachelor’s degree is the supreme indicator of intelligence, both for an individual and an entire state. While a degree is certainly important and college graduates have higher median incomes than non-graduates, that does not mean obtaining a degree is the end-all to success.  
 The current recession has forced students to change the way they perceive a college degree. Statistics such as return-on-investment and graduate-employment rates now trump class size and teacher-student ratios.  
 With all the speculation about the true economic value of a college education, it is important to recognize exactly what that investment means.  
 In December, Time magazine highlighted a growing trend in higher education: As more Americans graduate from college, the nation’s dwindling job market is inundated with a glut of highly qualified workers, many with large sums of student-loan debt.  
 For current students, that means the degree you hope to earn won’t have the same clout as the one your parents may have received and will likely be worth even less in coming years.  
 The Huffington Post neglects to mention that while McAllen may be the “least-educated metropolitan area,” the same Brookings Institute that produced that data also reported that McAllen is one of the strongest-performing metro-area economies in the country. The Institute’s MetroMonitor ranked McAllen as the 15th-most recession-proof city for “keeping their labor and housing markets stable and posting robust economic activity during the past few years.” Similarly, last year, Business Week magazine ranked the McAllen-Edinburg-Mission metro area as the 12th-strongest metro economy.  
 So what if most of McAllen’s citizens don’t hold a bachelor’s degrees?  
 States such as California and Michigan have much higher percentages of college-educated residents than Texas. Yet, a high percentage of degree-holders did not protect them from the recession, as both have foreclosure and unemployment rates far above the national average.  
 There are plenty of baristas in Manhattan with bachelor’s degrees, but does that make them more educated than nearly 75 percent of Texans? According to The Huffington Post, yes.  
 The problem with blindly throwing numbers around, as is the case with the College Board report, is that statistics are meaningless without proper context.  
 Instead, such backhanded jabs at Texas education come off as elitist snobbery. The national media has not been kind to Texas recently. The State Board of Education’s recent reforms have been widely ridiculed as anti-intellectual, and our coyote-killing governor is often portrayed as more of a cartoon character than an elected official.  
 Yet, despite the one-sided picture that agenda-driven publications like The Huffington Post try to paint, Texas has thrived while other states falter. Meanwhile, the number of bachelor’s degrees in the state will continue to be that: just a number.  
 — Dave Player for the editorial board



Natacha Pisarenko | Associated Press

Demonstrators wave a gay-pride flag outside Congress in support of a proposal to legalize same-sex marriage in Buenos Aires on July 14.

Argentina offers hope for humanity

By Jocelyn Charvet  
 Daily Texan Columnist

I’m originally from Hoboken, N.J., a one-square-mile town just across the Hudson River from Manhattan. I was a pierced and tattooed Goth girl who felt out of place in a city full of straight-laced businessmen and women. I could not walk down the street in my hometown without someone walking into my personal space and telling me I was a freak. Needless to say, home did not feel like home.  
 Fast-forward to my move to Austin. It was my first grocery-shopping trip in Texas, and I was waiting in the checkout line. Much to my amazement, the elderly woman in front of me picked up a plastic grocery divider and placed it between our things — then she smiled. She didn’t make a face when she noticed I had extra jewelry on my face and didn’t poke fun at my clothes or makeup.  
 I was home.  
 Like many people from the Northeast, when I thought of Texas, I thought of intolerance, among other things. Happily, what I found here in Austin was not only more acceptance than I ever received up North, but also an appreciation for everything “weird” and

outside the mainstream. Texans celebrate independence and uniqueness — or at least, that’s what I thought.

*What Argentina — a country better known for its dictatorships that oppressed gays — has done for its people shows that there is hope and there is still a reason to have faith in humanity.*

Last week, Argentina officially legalized same-sex marriage, granting gay and lesbian couples all the rights and liberties their heterosexual counterparts have enjoyed for centuries. This landmark decision was reported and quickly swept away by American media. I was completely disappointed

that UT, which has wonderful resources such as the Gender and Sexuality Center and the Counseling and Mental Health Center, did not emphasize such a historic decision that has major implications for the rest of South America and the world.  
 Because Argentina is a predominantly Catholic nation, the decision gives hope to many in the GLBT community that more religious countries will follow suit and that one day, gay marriage will be legal here in the U.S. My hope is that we will not need to wait very long. I can’t wait to compete with my best friend’s sisters to be his maid of honor.  
 I’m sure my opinion will be met with a lot of opposition. That’s fine with me; I can deal with promoting an unpopular viewpoint. What I can’t handle is silence. Pretending that another country has not made steps toward acceptance and truly equal rights for all is not OK with me. What Argentina — a country better known for its dictatorships that oppressed gays — has done for its people shows that there is hope and there is still a reason to have faith in humanity.

Charvet is a social work graduate student.

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UT Law is inclusive

In an Opinion piece published Monday, “Fostering a more inclusive UT law community,” author Greg Spurgeon voices concerns about admissions equity issues at the University of Texas School of Law. But his research into acceptance rates from the various University of Texas campuses, while laudable, has led to some inaccurate conclusions.  
 The University of Texas System, in collaboration with UT-El Paso, UT-Pan American, UT-San Antonio and Prairie View A&M, helped establish the Law School Preparation Institutes beginning in 1998. The institutes were created to expand opportunities for legal education in the state of Texas by offering augmented programming for students interested in pursuing the study of law. The universities that host the institutes are smaller campuses than UT-Austin, and historically, students from these regions have been underrepresented at UT Law.  
 UT-Austin, in contrast to the universities that host the institutes, has a wealth of resources available to students interested in pursuing the study of law. Each year, 15 to 20 percent of the entering law class has an undergraduate degree from UT-Austin. Compare this to the average number of students who matriculate from universities that host the institutes: 3 percent. Spurgeon asserts, “While the law school doesn’t have an official bias against UT undergrads, the opportunities it gives students at other state schools creates an implied one.” The numbers clearly demonstrate that this is not the case.  
 UT Law supports the Law School Preparation Institutes because it has a considerable responsibility to the residents of the state of Texas, one that includes students who matriculate at UT-Austin.  
 — Monica K. Ingram  
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 — Doug Allen  
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BOOK REVIEW  
THE BLIND CONTESSA'S NEW MACHINE

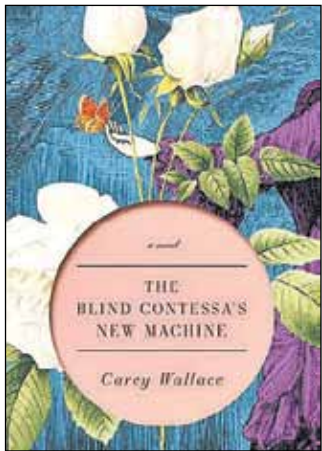
Novel set in Italy  
immerses reader  
in blind romance

By Kate Ergenbright  
Daily Texan Staff

Carey Wallace's debut novel "The Blind Contessa's New Machine" tells the story of an imaginative inventor and the lengths he will go to please the young woman he loves. Though it is short with just 224 pages, this elegantly written novel is beautiful inside and out. The book jacket is gorgeous, and the story inside makes for an enchanting read.

Set in Italy in the early 19th century, social misfit and creative inventor Pellegrino Turri invents a writing machine for his beloved Contessa Carolina, who became blind at an early age and feels disconnected from the world. The writing machine, which is an early version of the typewriter, allows Carolina to type letters legibly despite her blindness. Through these letters and her unique machine, Carolina reconnects with the outside world and becomes the envy of her friends and family. Turri and Carolina's relationship grows as she writes to him from the unfamiliar confines of her new, aristocratic husband's villa.

Wallace is a talented writer, and her descriptive prose takes readers straight to the Italian countryside and immerses them in the life of Turri and Carolina, articulating their struggle to be together without



anyone else knowing.

With so many lackluster novels on the market, "The Blind Contessa's New Machine" reminds readers why they started reading in the first place — that stories can be both intriguing and eloquent.

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though readers may wish "The Blind Contessa's New Machine" were longer, its length makes it perfect for a quick summer beach read.

Grade: A

RESTAURANT REVIEW  
ZANDUNGA MEXICAN BISTRO

Sides outshine entrees at bistro



Nasha Lee | Daily Texan Staff

The Ensalada Yucateco and Mexican martini are two specialties at Zandunga Mexican Bistro, located on East 11th Street. Zandunga's entrees tend to be outclassed by their accompanying side dishes.

By Addie Anderson  
Daily Texan Staff

You know you're in trouble when you go out to eat and the chips and salsa are the best part of your meal. Zandunga Mexican Bistro, a newly opened restaurant in East Austin, seems like it would be a hit. Created by the founders and the owners of Mi Madre's Restaurant, an Austin favorite on Manor Road, Zandunga is their finer-dining counterpart. But, the idea did not translate well.

Upon entering, it's hard not to notice the Mexican-inspired decor, with fine wooden features and warm colors on the walls. The staff is very friendly, but that doesn't make up for the slow service and subpar fare. The clothless tables look like they could have been found in a school cafeteria, and the benches to sit on are about as

comfortable as gym bleachers. After deciding against the \$11 Mexican martini (which averages out to more than \$1 an ounce), I waited for chips and salsa to satisfy my appetite. The menus' covers are made of wood, which are authentic-looking and cool, but not cool enough to wait for chips and salsa until the menus are off the table. Yes, you are denied chips and salsa until the menus are off the table.

Since the restaurant serves cuisine from Mexico's interior region, the queso is different from your typical Tex-Mex version — it's called Queso Fundido and is basically melted white cheese in a small skillet with mushrooms on top, served with your choice of flour or corn tortillas. The tortillas felt slightly stale and the queso was bland. Not even the mushrooms on top could add flavor to the dish.

The entrees were edible and the presentation was nice, but nothing to write home about. The Baja lobster tacos were small, served with a side of mashed black beans and rice and a microsalad. The two tacos were good and fresh, but not comparable to other Mexican restaurants in Austin. The best thing on the plate was the mashed black beans and rice, which were truly delicious. The Mojarra al Mojo de Ajo is a tilapia fillet in a roasted garlic sauce served with huitlacoche risotto. The tilapia fillet was crisp on top and tasty, but there was nothing unique about it. Once again, the best part of the plate was the side — the risotto.

For dessert, Zandunga offers crepes, which were good but, once again, not that good. Three caramel-filled crepes came with a strawberry and whipped cream

garnish. The crepes were moist and the whipped cream and strawberries complemented the pastry well.

Considering all the wonderful Tex-Mex and Mexican food restaurants in Austin, I will not return to Zandunga. The fare was overpriced and bland, especially on a college student's budget, when you can get more flavor and food for much less elsewhere. Even for a nice evening out, the food and atmosphere were not worth the money spent.

WHAT: Zandunga Mexican Bistro

WHERE: 1000 E. 11th St.

HOURS: Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-11 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

He's just not that into sex with you

HUMP DAY  
By Mary Lingwall

Over the past few months I have been shocked to find out about the sexual proclivities of many of the boyfriends of my girl friends.

I can't tell you how many happy hours have been dominated by discussions of the unorthodox nighttime preferences of these men. On the verge of tears and filled to the brim with feelings of inadequacy, my girl friends bring the topic up reluctantly, usually with more than a hint of embarrassment. Their cheeks blush as they explain to me that their boyfriends rarely want to have sex.

"We have opposite work schedules," a friend of mine explained after her confession. "I work from 9 to 5 and he works from 5 to 11 p.m. It's impossible to find a regular 'date-night' time except on weekends. And sex only on the weekends is not working for me. Sometimes, I'll even wait up for him to come home after work because I really want to have sex, and he walks in with his stupid friends and they drink and hang out until, like, 3 in the morning, and then he finally tries to have sex with me when I am completely not into it. It's not a healthy situation for me."

The first solution that pops into my head is morning sex. And no, sex at 3 a.m. is not "morning sex." That's "you're drunk and horny,

get off me because I have a real job" sex. The easiest solution is to have a conversation about what you want and need. Maybe morning sex could solve the problem: Set an alarm 20 minutes earlier than usual and get some sex in before you have to get ready for work. He has nothing to do until 5 in the afternoon anyway.

Or, you could ask him to not invite his friends over every night. Some sort of compromise, though, is probably going to work out the most successfully.

"We used to screw like rabbits, but over the last few months he doesn't initiate anything with me. Why doesn't he like me anymore?" another friend of mine asked.

This scenario can only be remedied by what has become the best

just going to end up being "good as gay" in relation to you.

And that's OK.

Maybe he has lost interest in sex because the novelty of the relationship has died down, or maybe his penis fell off. The reasons don't actually matter. For most college-age people, I would suggest you cut and run. You're not married to the guy, there aren't kids at stake and there are almost 800,000 people in Austin — so the odds are in your favor that some other perfectly suitable person will gladly have sex with you. Often.

"A lot of the time, it seems once a guy starts dating someone, he wants to have sex less," another friend of mine said. "I think it may have to do with the idea of a 'conquest.' But, in my experience, it has had more to do with the fact that some guys are old-fashioned and they don't want to see the women they think of as 'serious girlfriends' or 'wife material' as the same women they think are 'sexy.'"

Ah, the Madonna-whore complex! An ex-boyfriend of mine wasted a lot of my time begging

me to wear more conservative clothing, only for me to find posters of half-naked models all over his bedroom walls. Despite the deeply misogynistic attitudes that behavior like this denotes, some of the guys who act this way can be very charming and are usually described as "nice guys."

Whatever. Let these "nice guys" finish last. Dump him. If he doesn't want to have sex with his wife or "wife material," then that's his own problem, not yours.

Basically, whatever morning sex can't solve, you should probably get out of.



Carolynn Calabrese | Daily Texan Staff

advice I've ever heard: "He's gay or he's good as gay." The phrase is a kind of catch-all for Tracie Egan and Rich Juzwiak's Jezebel.com advice podcast, "Pot Psychology." And I think the sentiment is pretty salient for many of the fated love stories I hear from my friends. We tend to get caught in the idea that if a dude doesn't like us back, it must be because we are somehow deficient and that our inadequacy has actively caused him to like us less, or not like us at all in the first place. But, Egan and Juzwiak make clear that some dudes are

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Mipsterz

Amelia Giller

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Mommy!

Wahh!

Kellee has most recently come to the conclusion that she hates travelling.

Summer Days: Stick-Figure Pt. 2

By Sammy

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By: hatic C.

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1 "Still mooring"

5 Old flames?

10 Forage storage

14 Old flames

15 Job made almost obsolete by voice recorders

16 Privy to

17 Tots

19 Upper hand

20 Plaza de toros cry

21 First murderer

22 "Entourage" agent Gold

23 Moor's deity

25 Make fine adjustments to

30 Home of the Stars

32 Fictional airline on "Lost"

33 Wine label datum

36 "It's \_\_\_\_-brainer"

37 "On the Waterfront" Oscar winner

41 Actress Larter of "Heroes"

42 Stars that exhibit the "lighthouse effect"

43 Tortilla chip brand

46 Need leveling, perhaps

50 With 60-Across, ink a contract ... or a feature of 17-, 25- and 37-Across

53 Shop group

54 Trellis climber

55 "Drat!"

57 "Usual gang of idiots" magazine

58 One of Spot's masters

60 See 50-Across

63 Graph line

64 Film director Kershner

65 Fit for duty

66 Substance

67 Kind of question

68 Line to Penn Sta.

Down

1 Time-consuming task for a musketeer

2 Armpit, anatomically

3 Pass along, as gossip

4 Ballpark fig.

5 Away from harbor

6 Stiff-upper-lip sort

7 Temporary tattoo dye

8 St. Louis-to-Cleveland dir.

9 "Sending out an \_\_\_\_" (much-repeated line in a Police hit)

10 Jagged mountain range

11 Hoosier

12 Captain's journal

13 Diet-drink calorie count

18 Toast at a bar mitzvah

22 Mt. Rushmore neighbor of Teddy

24 Menlo Park middle name

26 Pricy seating areas

27 Winter fisherman's tool

28 Salon job

29 Prefix with -cide

31 Attach with a click

34 Target for Teddy Roosevelt

35 Feel awful

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Puzzle by Alex Boisvert

37 Morlocks' victims, in an H. G. Wells story

38 Birthplace of eight U.S. presidents

39 Roughly

40 Publisher's 10-digit ID

41 Billboard displays

44 Buy gold, e.g.

45 Water pistol or popgun

47 Bahamas getaway

48 Temporary wheels

49 Win over

51 Sharp products, for short

52 Opposite of "take out"

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID QUAIL

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## BIG 12 MEDIA DAYS

## Tuberville's tough decision for Tech



Caleb Bryant Miller | Daily Texan file photo  
Red Raider Taylor Potts has served Tech well over the past few years with his laid-back leadership.

## Potts, Sheffield battle for the starting quarterback position

By Austin Ries  
Daily Texan Staff

IRVING — Texas Tech coaches and players know senior quarterbacks Taylor Potts and Steven Sheffield are similar.

Both have played in the Big 12.

Both have started a Big 12 game.

Both have been backups, been injured, are “good kids” and have talent. And, after Tuesday’s press conference with newly appointed Tech head coach Tommy Tuberville, both will be competing for the starting position in Lubbock — beginning today.

“I don’t know if he’s serious about that,” Potts said, smiling.

He is. That’s why Tuberville brought both quarterbacks to Irving this week. He wants to see how they perform on the field in a couple of weeks, but he also wants to see them in front of the cameras and the media.

“Your quarterback is your team leader, not your head coach,” Tuberville said. “Everybody has to have confidence that the quarterbacks are going to get the job done.”

And after a season like last year’s, where former head coach Mike Leach used three different Red Raider quarterbacks, suspended players over Twitter accounts and even replaced Potts’ name with “Nick” on the back of his jersey in the middle of the season, a consistent and confident starting quarterback is what Tech wants to make a run at the Big 12.

That’s right, a championship. Something Tech players never talked about during Leach’s tenure but discussed during their first meeting with Tuberville.

“The first thing he told us was he was trying to win the Big 12,” Sheffield said. “That was something that was never brought up before. It was always play the next play, one game at a time.”

While it is a battle for a starting position, both quarterbacks are remaining mature and friendly with

the competition.

“At the end of the day, it’s about the team — not the quarterback battle or one of us winning it, but about needing the best guys on the field,” Sheffield said. “We are cordial with each other. We aren’t the best of friends, but not archenemies. We understand it’s business, and we have to be professional about it.”

Sheffield, whose parents both graduated from Texas, grew up 15 minutes from the Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium and said playing

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— Colby Whitlock  
Defensive lineman

against the Longhorns in Austin is all he’s ever wanted to do.

“My parents are Tech fans all the way,” Sheffield said. “They still have UT floor mats in their cars, but if it’s their son or their school, they are going to pick their son.”

Last season, Potts got most of the snaps in the shotgun, playing in 11 games, throwing 22 touchdowns and completing 309 of 470 pass attempts. Sheffield got his first action Oct. 3 last season against New Mexico when Potts left the game after two hard sacks. Sheffield finished the season playing in six games with 14 touchdowns completing 74.3 percent of his passes.

Even with a new head coach, the Red Raiders will continue their pass-saturated offense this season. After throwing the ball 669 times last season, 129 more times than the second-highest Longhorns, Tuberville plans on keeping a 60-40 pass-to-runs ratio after ending last season with a 67-33 ratio.

“There is not a whole lot of difference in the offense,” Potts said. “We are taking some more under center but we are still in the shotgun.”

Both quarterbacks were injured during the second week of spring practice. Sheffield, who broke his foot against Nebraska last season, broke the corrective screw in his foot. Sheffield has since healed and is waiting the arrival of a brand-new pair of Under Armour cleats molded to fit his feet, along with two steel plates in his insoles for extra protection.

Two days later, Potts broke a throwing finger hitting a defensive lineman’s hand on his follow-through. He has recovered since then, and even won the “Air It Out!” competition at the Manning Passing Academy.

“Both quarterbacks are ready. They’re throwing and they’re running,” Tuberville said.

Add three more similarities to the list. As of now, the plan is for the two to share reps in practice and play two scrimmages with coaches looking at everything from pregame routines to the meeting afterward. Then, Tuberville will get more reps and be ready for SMU on Sept. 5.

One thing is for certain, though. Tuberville will make a decision. He said they will not have rotating quarterbacks and will have a starter for the first game.

“They are both great guys, and I’d have either one lead the team,” defensive lineman Colby Whitlock said. “Potts is more laid-back, and Sheff is more amped. Both are great leaders.”

## Commissioner Beebe may rename what’s left of Big 12

By Will Anderson  
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IRVING — Big 12 Commissioner Dan Beebe said Tuesday that member schools must voice their concerns in private in the future to avoid additional conference shake-ups.

“We have to have continued great communication between the institutions, air out the difficulties and concerns that happen in all affiliations, all associations within our private confines, not in the public airing,” Beebe said. “I think what we went through is like any kind of exploration of relationships as to whether you want to continue or not continue.”

The remaining member institutions have a much closer relationship, Beebe said.

“There’s a renewed sense of commitment,” he said. “There’s a new sense of belonging and a greater appreciation for each other.”

For the first time, Beebe offered a timetable for possibly changing the name of the conference after Nebraska and Colorado depart.

“I’m actually going to probably spend the next several months, eight to nine months, exploring what we want to do in that regard,” Beebe said. “It may be our brand is significant enough that we don’t want to change it.”

The conference currently has no plans to expand and Beebe denied that the decision was influenced by monetary compensation.

“It’s related to exactly what I’m talking about: being able to play each other, see each other every year in football, twice a year in basketball,” he said. “So, the reasons aren’t related to [money] as much as just other benefits that people kind of came to realize once we were looking at having a 10-member conference.”

Beebe also hinted at raising the price a school must pay to leave the conference in the future, saying it could “cement the conference in a better fashion.”

“We have withdrawal fees that are significant,” he said. “But, I think I will bring to the board later this year whether we should review having more stringent fees.”

## Tech’s new look

First-year head coach Tommy Tuberville pledged a more balanced offense in Lubbock next season — at least by Red Raider standards.

“We want to be more balanced and we want to give the defenses something to think about other than just rushing the passer every time,” Tuberville said, adding, “If we get into a game and find a team that can’t cover anybody, we’re going to throw it 100 [times].”

Tuberville hired Neal Brown as Texas Tech’s new offensive coordinator in January. Brown served in the same capacity at Troy for two seasons and earned a reputation as an offensive wizard as he helped the Trojans finish fourth in the country in passing in 2009.

“A lot of people think we’re going to start lining up in the ‘I’ and start doing fullback stuff, but we’re still going to throw the ball a lot of times,” Tech quarterback Steven Sheffield said. “Neal Brown called the plays at Troy, he’s calling the plays here and they threw the ball a lot.”

Tuberville will utilize more of Baron Batch, who finished last season with 884 yards on the ground, and sophomore tailback Eric Stephens.

“Might be on screens, might be draw plays,” Tuberville said. “We’re going to have some plays that are drawn up where we’re going to be more physical.”

Tuberville sounded confident

in his team’s ability to run the ball but acknowledged that the play-calling split would probably remain about “60-40 pass to runs.”

## Who’s got Missouri’s back?

While quarterback controversy swirls around Nebraska and Texas Tech, Missouri has a solid starter in Blaine Gabbert, but head coach Gary Pinkel still must decide whom to put behind Gabbert before the Sept. 4 opener versus Illinois — and a new favorite has emerged.

The leading candidate heading into the spring was Jimmy Costello, a junior who walked on in 2007 and sat at No. 2 on the depth chart for all of 2009. He played in his first collegiate game last season and finished the year 9-of-17 passing for 64 yards.

While Costello is the only other quarterback on the Tigers’ roster with game experience, freshman James Franklin could replace him as the backup after enrolling early at Missouri in the spring. He finished high school ranked as the No. 4 dual-threat quarterback in the nation according to *Rivals.com* and impressed Pinkel in spring drills.

“He’s moved up to the second team,” Pinkel said about Franklin. “He’s had a very good spring for a young player.”

Missouri could still redshirt Franklin. At quarterback the Tigers also have freshman Tyler Gabbert, younger brother of Blaine, as well as Ashton Glaser, who redshirted last year.

## Missouri’s dieting to improve team

## Running back Washington leads other teammates in strict nutrition plan

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IRVING — Last season, Derrick Washington was often too tired during practices and games to yell at his teammates.

This year, the senior running back is confident that his fellow Tigers will be able to hear him loud and clear thanks to the new team nutrition plan following the 2009 season.

The health bug has taken over the Missouri locker room as players are shedding pounds and lowering their body fat.

“Our players have really gotten into nutrition and eating properly,” Missouri head coach Gary Pinkel said.

After seeing former players come back from their time in the NFL in much better shape, Pinkel and the coaching staff worked with the team nutritionist to put together the best diet to put the Tigers in the best shape of their lives.

No more fast food. No more fried foods. No more sweets.

“Everything is grilled,” said Washington, who extremely misses his favorite dish of deep-fried pork chops.

Washington, who often enjoys cooking, has turned his culinary skills primarily to steak and as a result has lost 10 pounds — making him the new and improved Derrick Washington.

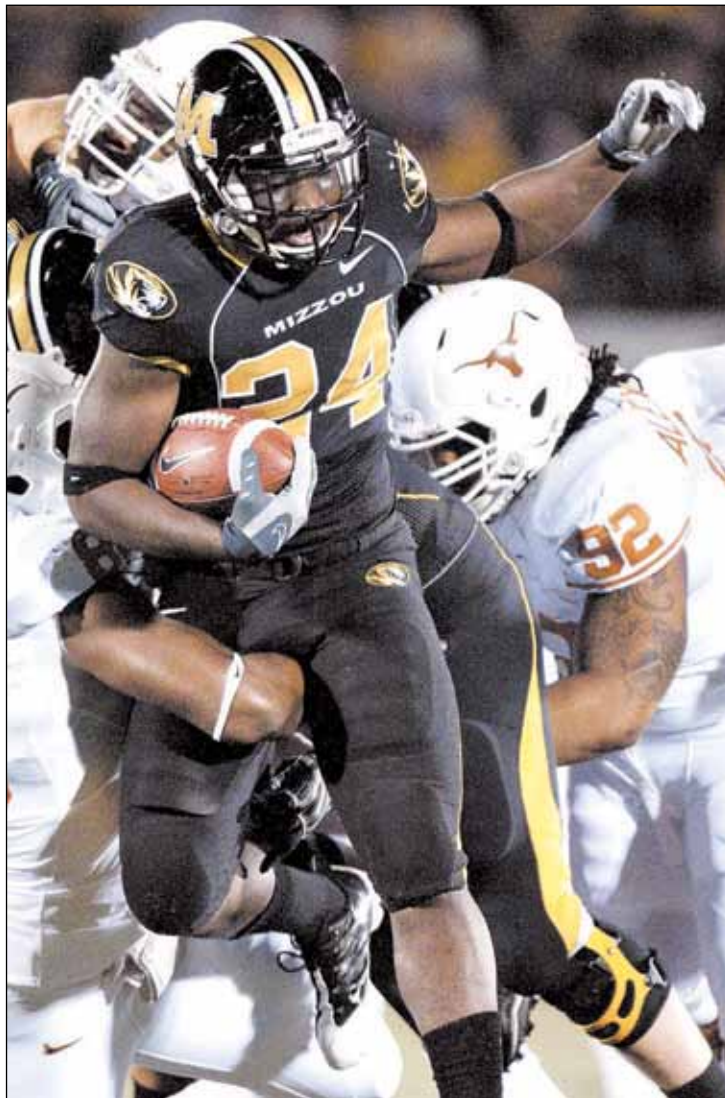
“He’s a lot quicker guy than he was this past year, and [we] expect that to help him play at a higher level,” Pinkel said.

Washington was the main reason for the great success of the Tigers two seasons ago but fell off in 2009, rushing for fewer yards on more carries. His decreased production and increased weight made him realize that something had to change, and as hard as the diet is, he has managed to stick to it.

“It was tough because I like to eat,” Washington said. “But I had to make some changes, and I wanted to play faster and quicker.”

Even though he succeeded in not giving into his favorite foods, he had some temptations.

“I kept wanting McDonald’s and Taco Bell — those late-night



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Senior Derrick Washington stood strong against the Longhorns’ pressure last season.

foods — but I couldn’t do it. It was tough,” Washington said. “[You’ve] got to stay in the grocery store and get the right foods.”

With his starting spot not guaranteed, Washington knew he was overweight and wanted to get back to his sophomore form when he took over as the Tigers’ leading rusher. While Washington held up his diet with much ease, others struggled, but they still knew they had to do it.

“Coach Pinkel let us know that if you are not losing that weight and doing what you need to do, you are going to move down the depth chart, and no one wants that,” Washington said.

While the eating habits of the Tigers changed, the offseason workout routine was the same as previous years. This allowed the play-

ers to really notice the difference.

“You feel better, you can go longer now, you are quicker, faster and stronger, and it helps the team,” defensive lineman Kevin Rutland said.

Rutland maintained his normal weight, but managed to decrease his body fat by 6 percent from April to January.

Like Washington, Rutland had his share of temptation and would occasionally give in and eat a burger, claiming he was getting his protein.

But most of the time, as a substitute for his desire for McDonald’s, Rutland would just end up at Subway.

The diet was not mandatory, but the players are able to see a difference in those who did and did not participate.

“I figure you will be able to tell when I play,” Rutland said.



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Big 12 Commissioner Dan Beebe has been hailed as “The Savior Of The Big 12” for keeping together his conference last month.